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REMARKS

In response to the Advisory Action mailed August 7, 2006, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration. In the Advisory Action, Claims 1-4 and 6-12, including the amendments proposed in the previous response were indicated as being allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowed claims 13-31. By this response, applicants propose amendments to claim 1 to include all of the limitations of previously objected to Claim 5 and Claim 5 has been canceled. Claim 6 has been amended to depend from Claim 1 and Claims 13-31 have been canceled.

Upon entrance of the proposed amendments, Claims 1-4 and 6-12 will be pending in the application.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the final Office Action, Claims 1-4, 13-17, 25, and 28-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,872,980 ("Derrick").

With respect to Claims 1-4, Claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of Claim 5, which examiner indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Claims 2-4 and 6-12 now depend from amended Claim 1 and the applicants respectfully assert that all of these claims are in condition for allowance.

Claims 13-31 have been canceled without prejudice to the subject matter contained therein.

In a telephone conference on August 30, 2006, the examiner suggested that a second response after the final rejection should be filed including the same amendments made to the claims in the previous response, and canceling claims 13-31. The examiner indicated that such

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an amendment would result in the present application being allowed. The applicants appreciate the examiner's guidance in this matter and have prepared this response accordingly.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the applicants assert that Claims 1-4 and 6-12 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request favorable reconsideration.

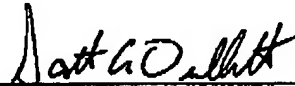
In the event the examiner deems personal contact desirable in the disposition of this case, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (508) 293-7835.

Please charge all fees occasioned by this submission to Deposit Account No. 05-0889.

Respectfully submitted,

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